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REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 28, 29 and 35-37 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. A version of the claims is at pages 2-5. Applicants' representative notes with appreciation the indication that claims 1-5, 28, 29 and 37 are allowed. Independent claims 35 and 36 have been amended herein to incorporate features that the Examiner has deemed allowable. In addition, claims 6-27 and 30-34 stand cancelled.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 35 and 36 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 35 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Maguire *et al.* (US 6,038,525) in view of Robinson *et al.* (US 6,541,783). Withdrawal of this rejection is requested in light of the amendments made to independent claims 35 and 36, which incorporate allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner.

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CONCLUSION

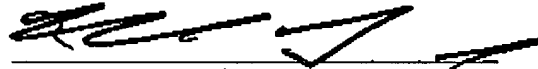
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [AMDP630US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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